

John Coffee to Andrew Jackson, December 22, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOHN COFFEE TO JACKSON.

Huntsville, December 22, 1813

Dear Genl , I am aware of the many troubles of this kind with which you are daily pestered, but from the shape this is about to take, I am compelled to appeal to you determine this case.

Inclosed you,ll see an address to me for a final discharge of my Rifle Regt, this is not the first by many that I have recd.¹ In the 24th. of Decr. Instant, they will have served three months—are they entitled to a discharge, they are restless and I suppose will not stay longer only by way of an address for a very short time, I am of opinion the sooner they are discharged the better, they are eating up the forage that would do for others were they gone and they'll never do any more good. I have said to them you would determine their case, and would answer them the earliest convenient, therefore if possible I would be extremely glad you would answer this as soon as convenient.

¹ The address of the regiment is not preserved, but Coffee's reply, Dec. 21, is in the Jackson MSS.

Yours very respectfully